THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) The broad outline of the agreements can be given only after they are concluded. The agreements are expected to be signed soon.

Permanent seat for India in UN Security Council

1581. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA:
DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to or have already staked its claim for a permanent seat for India in UN Security Council; if so the details thereof; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) India has stressed the need for restructuring of the Security Council in order to reflect more than three fold increase in the membership of the United Nations and the changes in the International situation since the world body's inception. Some proposals have been made in the past in this regard, but no specific proposal has come up for formal consideration at the United Nations so far.

Resolving Sino-Indian Disputes

1582. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRI JAGADISH JANI:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made in resolving Sino-Indian border dispute as a sequel to the visit of Chinese P. M. in the second week of December, 1991; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Following the visit of the Chinese Premier to India, the Prime Minister of India and the Chinese Premier met in New York on February 1, 1992 where it was reiterated that the Joint Working Group (JWG) on the boundary question should continue to narrow differences between the two sides on the boundary question. The two leaders also agreed that they would provide political direction to the JWG when this was required. They agreed that strengthening of measures to ensure peace and tranquility would create a favourable environment for the progress of negotiations on the boundary question.

In accordance with the decision reached by the two Prime Ministers at the meeting, the JWG met in New Delhi from 20 to 21 February, 1992. It was agreed by the JWG that regular meetings of the border personnel would be held in June and October every year at Bum La Pass in the Eastern Sector and in the Spanggur Gap Area in the Western Sector. It was also agreed that communication